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Contracts Given For School Needs At Regional

At last week's meeting of the Pioneer Valley Regional school committee all were present and contracts for equipment and furniture were awarded with from six to eight bids in each category to be considered. Broadhead Garrett of Cleveland was the low bidder for mechanical drawing furniture; Plainfield (Vt.) Appliance was low bidder for the equipment for the woodworking shop and the contract for equipment for the auto shop was divided among the Plainville Appliance Co., the J. Russell Company of Holyoke and the Gould Industrial Corp of Leominster.

Further study will be made of the bids for the metal, machine and agriculture shops equipment.

Other items under consideration were the offering of a contract for women's physical education instructor, a possible band instructor, the establishment of bus routes and the need for additional teachers.

The committee met again last evening at the Center school.

Awards Given at Church Program

Fifty pupils were promoted and 67 awarded wreaths, pins and bars for up to six years' attendance at church school during Children's Day observance Sunday at Trinitarian Congregational Church.

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor, was in charge of the presentations.

Promoted and also receiving attendance awards were Stephen Payne, nursery to lower kindergarten; Mary Ellen Eastman, Richard Holbrook, Richard Holton, William Payne, Sally Scott and Gary Smolen, upper kindergarten; Cheryl Holton, Nancy Hurlbut, garden to primary.

Kathleen Wallbridge, Beverly Black, George Hayes, Deborah Mayberry and Pauline Wood, primary to junior; Henry Prescott, Nancy Schouler, Jonathan Mayberry, Jerry Scott, Carol Lombard and Gretchen Hammond, junior to intermediate.

Others promoted were: Floyd Dunnell, III, Greg Given, Katherine Jones, Andrea Gancarz and Carlton Woods, III, nursery to lower kindergarten; Timothy Derig, Diane Frazier, Gail Given, Betsy Greene, Bernard Hale, Donna and Sandra Holloway, Michael Leach, George Randall, Martha Shearer and Judith Persons, upper kindergarten to primary.

Also: Martin Given, Kathryn Goodwin, Susan Hale, Stephen Jones, Sandra Spencer, Linda Holloway, Susan McColister and Judith Mercer, primary to junior; Caroline Hayes, Peggy Mroczek, Frederick Walbridge, Frederick Holton, David Pearsall and Peter Sargent, junior to intermediate.

Others receiving attendance awards were: Julie Sanderson, Earl Taylor and Christopher Bancarz, lower kindergarten, Milford Atwood, Caryn Black, William Huntoon, Lorraine Tie and Richard Schepp, Grade 1; Alice Lord, Jane Sanderson and Linda Lombard, Grade 2.

Sally Atwood, Sandra Holbrook, Dennis Holloway, Susan Leonard, Norman Phelps, Linda Scott, Mary Hawley, Alane Black, Stephen True, Diane Walker, Jeanne Shearer, Elizabeth Tower and Scott Sanderson, Grade 4; Ronald Tie, Winston Parker, Dean Vinten, Marcia Eastman, James Anderson, Howard Maynard and Charles Tower Grade 5.

Carol Atwood, Gail Leonard, Enid Maynard, Jean Neigh, Raymond Wright, Claire Walbridge and Sandra Peterson, Grade 7; Carolyn Flah, Brian Scott, Joyce Martin, John Stacey, Donna Holbrook, Edward Shearer, Joyce Roberts, Beverly Phelps and Rhoda Smith, Grade 8.

Banquet Meeting Of PV Teachers Held Last Week

Hugh S. Hayden, principal of Bernardston Elementary school, began his duties as president of the Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' association at the meeting last week. It was the annual banquet meeting held at the Gables in South Deerfield and attended by forty.

Other officers are Paul Seamans of the Gill faculty, vice president; Harvey Cadwell, Northfield, treasurer, and Mrs. Effie Kornstadt of Bernardston, secretary.

Harvey Cadwell presided as banquet chairman and Mr. and Mrs. William Morrow of Mount Hermon were guests. Mr. Morrow spoke to the group on "What's Good Enough for Grandpa—."

John Callaghan of the Powers Institute faculty, retiring president, thanked all his fellow officers for their cooperation during the past year.

Afternoon Alliance In Final Session

The Unitarian Afternoon Alliance will hold its final meeting of the season in the church parlor Thursday afternoon, June 13, at 2:30 o'clock. The hostesses will be Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Harold Bigelow. The secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Churchill Whitney, will give a talk on poetry, illustrated by selected English and American poems, as well as a number of her own.

Mrs. Whitney holds the degree of Bachelor of Literature from Smith college, Class of 1899, and has taught Nature Study and English and allied subjects. She is a journalist of long standing and has had many poems published through the years. She is a member of the Deerfield Valley Arts association, the allied Western and American Folklore societies and the Northfield Historical society.

Westover Holding GOC Open House

The 324th and 337th Fighter-Interceptor Squadrons are holding open house for Ground Observer Corps volunteers and their families at Westover Air Force Base from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, June 9. The program will include static displays of aircraft and engines as well as airborne maneuvers and demonstrations. All visitors will be briefed by squadron personnel on the role of the interceptor in Air Defense.

The purpose of the "Open House" is to establish more cordial relationship between Air Force personnel and the Ground Observer Corps volunteers.

Visitors will be admitted only at the south gate. Anyone desiring to go who wishes transportation may call Emory Rikert, Ground Observer Corps chief, and anyone who has room in his car will please let him know also.

Weekend Activities At Local Schools

Commencement weekend activities at the Northfield Schools began last night with a banquet at the Northfield hotel for Mount Hermon school's 146 seniors. Events scheduled for today include the annual baseball game with Deerfield academy at 3 p.m. on the Mount Hermon athletic field and the last assembly for Northfield's 161 graduating seniors at 3:30 p.m. on the Russell Sage chapel lawn.

Saturday's program includes the Mount Hermon class day exercises at 3 p.m. on West Hall lawn, afternoon faculty receptions at both

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Now Begins the Annual Campaign Against Pests

Spraying projects are now under way here in Northfield under the direction of the tree warden, Joseph Bilmon, who is also gypsy moth agent. Trees have been sprayed this week evenings and nights when the wind did not prevent.

Folks are requested to call Mr. Bilmon if they will allow powder to be placed on their lawns in a campaign against the Japanese beetle. This is the best and only satisfactory method of control.

The town will soon spray roadsides to kill poison ivy and in addition anyone who has poison ivy in their yards may request Mr. Bilmon to spray that also.

Parish Committee Meets

At last week's meeting of the parish committee of the First Parish church, Unitarian, Kenneth Miller was elected chairman and Mrs. Eleanor M. Reed, secretary. The group voted to hold the annual church auction on the evening of Saturday, August 31—the Saturday before Labor Day—at the town hall. Dean Williams was named chairman of the auction committee. All folks in the parish are urged to collect articles for this auction.

A car pool plan was instituted for transportation to church for those who need it on Sunday morning. Call Kenneth Miller or Dean Williams by 9 o'clock Sunday morning if transportation is desired.

OES Hears of Autos

The Northfield chapter, Order of Eastern Star, met Wednesday evening at the Masonic hall for the June meeting. Following the business meeting Elmer Bemis of Brattleboro spoke about and showed colored slides of the first Anglo-American Antique Car rally which was held in England last year. Guests were invited to the meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut, chairman, Mrs. Marion Given, Miss Gladys Elithrope, Mrs. Daisy Deming, Mrs. Ethel McCastline and Mrs. Mildred Pfefferle.

Grange Meets Tuesday

The Northfield Grange will meet next Tuesday evening, June 11 and will have an agriculture night program. Members are asked to come and bring their favorite farm tale. The agriculture committee: Lewis Shine, David Shine, Emory Rikert and Murray Hammond are in charge of the program.

Well Child Clinic Monday, Tuesday

The annual Well Child clinic, sponsored by the board of health, will be held at the town hall Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18. Dr. Walter Pacosa of Northampton is the pediatrician to be assisted by the public health nurse and members of the Fortnightly.

Children from six months to school age are eligible to attend. It is hoped that those who will enter kindergarten in September and who have not had physicals by their own doctors will also be present. Birth and vaccination certificates will be required by this group.

For those who have not been given appointments the schedule, alphabetically arranged by name, is as follows: Monday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, A through D; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., E through K. Tuesday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, L through R; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., S through Z.

Age requirement for kindergarten is 5 years by January 1, 1958.

Conference Programs Announced For Summer at The Schools

Strawberry Supper Plans Are Made

The members of St. Patrick's church societies are busy making plans for the strawberry supper which they are serving at the town hall Monday evening, June 17, at 6:30. Tickets are in charge of Mr. and Mrs. John Greene and may be obtained from members of the societies, the Holy Name society or St. Patrick's Guild, or by calling the Greenses.

The menu will include potato salad, cold cuts with cheese, tossed salad, French bread, relishes, coffee and milk and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream.

The price 99c for adults, 50c children under 12.

Miss Helen Podlinski and Mrs. Stanley Wickey are co-chairmen and Mrs. Stanley Powers and Mrs. Ferdinand Caron are in charge of the dining room. Miss Edna Shryba and Miss Jessie Skinner made the attractive posters which are advertising the affair.

The strawberries are being donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Butinski.

45th Annual Meeting At Alexander Hall

The 45th annual meeting of the women of Northfield at Alexander Hall will be held on Saturday, June 15, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of electing the committee members for the coming year. Following the business meeting there will be an interesting program. Mrs. Samuel Bishop will show colored slides taken on a former European trip and slides taken on her South American cruise this spring. Refreshments will be served.

The Alexander Hall, so named from its donor, Mrs. Adeline M. D. Alexander, is under the care and supervision of a committee of nine women, three being elected annually for a three-year term. The present committee members are Mrs. Carolyn Parenteau, Mrs. L. Maude Wood and Mrs. Margaret Lombard, three years; Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Philip Holton; the late Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Edward Morgan and Mrs. Marshall Lanphear, one year; the one year term expires this month and members will be elected to replace these three members.

DAR Asks Assistance

Mrs. Maude Wood, regent of the Northfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is anxious to have the loan of flags of interest or other articles suitable for the Flag day exhibit she is arranging for next week's Flag Day observance on June 14 at the Dickinson Memorial library. Call her, phone 2185, if you have something to help with the display.

Public Card Party

There will be a public card party at the Bernardston town hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock sponsored by the ladies of the Bernardston Unitarian church in charge of Mrs. Clara Hale and Mrs. Mattie Koshinsky.

Public Dance at Vernon

There will be a public dance at the Grange hall at Vernon, Vt., on Saturday evening beginning at 8 o'clock sponsored by the Vernon Grange. Ed Gauthier of Peterham will be the caller for the square dances.

The Northfield schools have announced an expanded program for the 1957 Northfield summer conferences. This will be the 77th season for these gatherings which were founded in 1880 by D. L. Moody. The meetings this year will begin June 11 and end August 12.

The schedule for the 1957 series is as follows: June 11-13, the annual meeting of the New England Presbyterian Synod at the Northfield hotel; June 13-20, Northfield Girls' conference; June 22-29, Massachusetts Christian Endeavor conference; July 1-8, Northfield Conference on the Christian World Mission, formerly called the Northfield Missionary Conference; July 10-19, Religious Education Conference; July 20-27, United Presbyterian Conference; July 30-Aug. 3, International Council of Community Churches; August 5-12, Mission to Ministers.

All the conferences except the Presbyterian Synod will be held on the campus of Northfield School for Girls. The various conferences offer programs of interest to both young people and adults—beginners as well as experienced church workers. Classroom work, forums, demonstrations and other practical features are supplemented by devotional and inspirational meetings.

Meals are served in the school dining rooms by a staff of experienced Northfield and Mount Hermon students and the school's recreational equipment, including the swimming pool and tennis courts, are used by conference guests.

First Communion

The following children received their first communion at the 8:30 mass at St. Patrick's church Sunday: Candace Butler, Leslie Gibson, Kathleen Griffin, Kathleen Huber, Marie Wickey, Richard Bliss, John Dale, Michael Powers, David Rockwell, James Ladzinski and Gregory Williams.

After the mass a communion breakfast was served in the church hall by the members of St. Patrick's Guild.

Cub Pack Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Northfield Cub Pack committee was held Thursday evening at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. Douglas Jones. All members were urged to attend as there was important business to consider. There is an urgent need for men to assist on this Cub Scout committee and anyone interested and willing to help will please call Mrs. Berton Rogers, phone 437, or Chick Caron, phone 802. Too often the work with our Cub Scouts is left to the mothers who do assume a good part of the responsibility but it is necessary that the fathers give some assistance. From this appeal it is hoped that several will volunteer to help with this Parent-Teacher association sponsored project that its future may be assured.

TOWN HALL NOTES

Mrs. Agnes Hammond of Northfield Farms has been appointed by the selectmen as a member of the town planning board to fill the unexpired term of George H. Sheldon. The term expires March, 1958.

A public hearing will be held on June 10 at 8:30 on a petition by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to relocate poles.

The selectmen also will make further investigation of a petition for the erection of "no parking" signs at South Vernon in the area where there was a recent automobile accident.

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Church Notes

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Mrs. F. H. Mosse,
Director of Christian Education
Mr. Irving J. Lawrence,
Choir Director

Mrs. George M. Leonard,
Youth Choir Director
Mrs. Belle C. Marden, Organist
11:00 a.m., public worship. Sermon subject, "Religion and Our Moods." A baptism and christenings. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. W. W. Sanderson.
3:00 p.m., young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship meet at the church to go to the Cathedral of the Pines. Wear play clothes and take sandwiches and drink for supper.

A rummage sale of clothes for all members of the family will be held in the church vestry Wednesday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. Clothes for the sale may be left at the church Monday or Tuesday.

A summer party for the 20-40 Couples' club will be held at the home of Frank and Elsie Borden on Saturday, June 15. The supper will be served at 7 o'clock. In case of rain the party will be postponed until Saturday, June 22.

A summer festival supper will be served by the Women's Guild in the vestry Thursday, June 27. Tickets will go on sale soon. Boiled ham is the meat to be served.

The family picnic for the Northfield Congregational church school will be held at Laurel Lake, Erving, Saturday afternoon, June 8. Cars will leave from the church at 2:30 p.m. Help with transportation will be appreciated.

All the families will eat a picnic supper together about 5 o'clock. Following supper there will be free watermelon for all.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Robert S. Slater, Minister
Mrs. Francis Reed,
Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Mrs. Slater will be the guest preacher and will conduct the service.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Supt. Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller, assistants. Final preparations will be made at this session for Children's Sunday which will be held Sunday, June 16, at 9:45 a.m. in church. The children will conduct most of the service. All parents who wish to have children baptised at that time should contact Mrs. Miller or Mr. Slater.

The program for the youth meeting will be "Family Night." At 6 the youth members and their parents will meet at the high school field for a parent versus child softball game. Following this they will meet at the church for a discussion on "Teen Age Privileges and Duties." Brenda Billings will conduct the worship service. Russell Reed, Brenda Billings and Curt Shine will be in charge of refreshments. All young people and parents are urged to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. Henry McKeon, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Rzassa, Curate
10:30—Mass.

St. Patrick's Guild will meet at the church hall on Wednesday evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock.

Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Christopher J. Weldon this afternoon, June 7, at 3 o'clock at St. John's church at Millers Falls.

The final meeting of the season of the Holy Name society was held Monday evening of this week. The group will begin activity in September.

Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

There will be an exhibit of flags and articles pertaining to flags June 9 through the 14th, in commemoration of "Flag Day Week," in the reading room at the library. This exhibit is being put on by members of the Northfield chapter of the D.A.R.

Next week Tuesday morning at 10:30, Miss Gwendolyn Vannah, children's librarian of the Regional Library Center, Greenfield, will show the film, "In the Realm of Wildlife," to pupils of the fifth grade, Mrs. Evelyn Parker, teacher. The film is in color and depicts wildlife in our national parks

and is 28 minutes in length.

If enough interest is shown, short films will be available from the Regional Library Center during the summer, to be shown at our library. If interested please tell the librarians.

Classes which have visited the historical rooms on the second floor recently are Mrs. Virginia Haack's second grade and Mrs. Catherine Sheldon's third and fourth grades. The children showed a great deal of interest in the collections of stones, Indian relics, primitive implements and most especially in the Indian skeleton which was found in 1900 in

CROSSTOWN

By Roland Coe



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Last Jan. 30 I was arrested in the town of Stockbridge, Mass., for speeding. The arrest was made by two inexperienced state troopers and under utterly ridiculous circumstances.

The troopers had been following a New York car, whose driver they arrested just before stopping me as I was leaving town on Route U.S. 7 on my way north. Going through Stockbridge, numerous cars had passed me before the troopers came along. However, they maintained that mine was the car ahead of the first one they stopped and that we had both been doing 60 to 65 m.p.h. at some undesignated point south of the town.

Maybe there was a "car ahead" which exceeded the speed limit. If so, it probably passed me on the main street of Stockbridge, since I was delayed a few minutes there. However, I am of the opinion that they had not yet nabbed their quota of victims for the day and my Jersey plates marked me as a soft touch.

I am anxious to take a lie-detector test and swear that at no point on the road where they claimed I was speeding did I exceed 40 m.p.h.

I wrote Public Safety Commissioner Otis M. Whitney demanding that he arrange for all three of us to submit to a properly supervised lie detector test to determine who was lying. His reply was a curt, "I have reached the conclusion that no further action by me is necessary."

I contend that Mr. Whitney doesn't dare allow the cops to be questioned—that he doesn't dare risk seeing his henchmen publicly branded as liars.

This letter to the editor is written in the hope that somebody in Massachusetts may be able to suggest means of smoking out these characters from the protection of their badges and giving me an opportunity to prove through a lie-detector test that I was arrested on perjured evidence.

I am so certain I can force these troopers to recant their story, if given a lie-detector test, that I hereby offer to pay the entire expense of such a test if I am shown to be telling anything but the truth. All I ask is a chance to compel the troopers to tell the truth. This opportunity Mr. Whitney has denied me.

Is there any justice in Massachusetts? Does anybody have an

idea how I can force the troopers either to submit to a lie-detector test or tell the truth and withdraw the charge? If so, I'm anxious to hear from him.

Historical Society

By Mrs. Emma Moody Powell

George Washington's Will as Autobiography will be the topic to be presented at the quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society at the Museum Tuesday, June 4th, at 7:30 by the president, Miss Elsie Scott. It was discovered that the Museum had century old periodical and book with the wills of Washington and Shakespeare in them respectively. The comparison is revealing that both started with "in the name of God, Amen." Washington wrote his own will without witnesses and included with it his own inventory, valued at over half a million dollars, as he figured it, omitting the slaves, whom he wished and directed to be freed upon the death of his wife, Martha. The intermarriage of his and her dower slaves was the reason for waiting. Washington's first concern was for "my dearly beloved wife, Martha." Shakespeare toward the end of "I give unto my wife my second best bed, with the furniture" only. Washington in his final illness had Martha burn his former will and care for this. She and five nephews were his executors. He had outlived his brothers and sisters, except Charles, to whom he left a gold-headed cane willed him by Franklin. He gives his reasons for his bequests and ended with the desire for a private funeral without parade or oration. Here in his own words Washington revealed his love of country, peace, and family, also his sound executive and business ability. No wonder he was honored and respected.

Theodore M. Lockwood, R.F.D. 1, Montville, N. J.

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his will mentioned his wife thus: Eighteen persons will be present. Mrs. Priscilla Colton Carroll resigned as Curator and it was voted that the president, Miss Scott, choose a committee of five to do the curator's job.

The 20-40 club will meet June 15 for a cookout and picnic supper at the home of the Frank Bordeners.

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the Great Meadow here in Northfield.

Since the elementary schools are closing next Wednesday, it is advisable and urged that all mothers of children who will be unable to come to the library during the summer months, should see that all books are returned on Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest.

Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

3/c Florin J. Andrew of the destroyer U.S.S. Abbot has gone to Key West after a 72-hour leave at home. He is a sonarman.

Marie L. Clark, on the dean's list at Northeastern university, has joined Omega Sigma. She is majoring in journalism and works for the Boston Globe in their library department on her cooperative work assignment.

A 2/c and Mrs. David Stacy have returned to Atlanta, Ga., after two weeks at home.

Twenty Boy Scouts spent two days at the Northampton camporee accompanied by Don McCollister, Owen Stacey and W. W. Sanderson.

The following local girls are in the graduating class at The Northfield School for Girls: Beverly A. Dumbreck, daughter of the Robert Dumbrecks; Judith A. Thompson, daughter of the Paul Thompsons.

A party for members of the cradle roll and their mothers will be held in the Congregational vestry Wednesday at 3 p.m. Mrs. W. W. Sanderson, superintendent, has sent out invitations to 27 babies, from new-born babies to 3-year-olds. Seventeen will be "promoted" at the party because they have reached three.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson visited her parents, the Frank Pearsalls, before they left for Los Angeles, Calif., where he will work until he goes into military service in December. On the way west they will visit his family in Chicago and do some sightseeing.

Douglas Pearsall is home for fifteen-day leave before going to sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blood showed pictures of their trip to the Caribbean last winter on Wednesday evening to a group of neighbors.

Miss Ann Parker gave a surprise bridal shower for Miss Veronica Powers, after which the guests attended a buffet luncheon. Miss Powers will be married June 29 to Leon Casneau of Suffield, Conn.

Mary Elizabeth Abbott will celebrate her third birthday next Friday and on the following day will appear on the TV program, "Happy the Clown," in Philadelphia. She is a granddaughter of the George B. Grangers.

Mrs. Anne Gardner of St. Petersburg, Fla., is the new housekeeper at The Northfield hotel.

Dr. G. B. Granger leaves for a fishing trip on Saturday.

On May 31 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vitold Piscuskas of Mt. Hermon school in the Franklin County hospital. Mrs. Piscuskas taught at the girls' school last year.

On Saturday, June 22, Carl Alexander von Frankenberg will be married to Elizabeth Bunn Murphey, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Henry S. Murphey. The wedding will take place in the Walter Reed Memorial chapel and the reception will be held in the Officers' club at Walter Reed Army Medical center. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. von Frankenberg who for several years was head of East Gould hall and is now in a library in Newport, R. I. He graduated from Mt. Hermon in the class of 1950.

The James Gillespies spent the past few months in an apartment in Washington, D. C., and are happy to be back in their farm on the Hinsdale Rd. for the summer. Roger has finished some graduate work in science at the U. of N. H. and next fall will enter Tufts Medical school where he will enter dental work. Jamie is a student at Hamilton college.

Miss Elsie Scott, president, discovered in the Northfield Historical Museum a century old periodical and book which contained copies of the wills of George Washington and Shakespeare. Tuesday evening she will give a talk on the will of Washington.

Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, president, the directors and a few friends of the Students' Aid society met May 27 at the Moody birthplace for the annual spring meeting of that society. Mrs. Alice

Seeley, head of Henry Moore cottage, the treasurer, gave an excellent report. Mrs. O. Briggs read some letters of participants in the revolving fund; a fund which requires no interest payment. Miss Mabel Cooper gave the secretarial report.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Griffin and their children, Kathy and David, came from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to visit the Walter Hydes. Mrs. Griffin was the former Gladys Robertson who attended the girls' school here.

Local boys who were in the graduating class at University of Massachusetts are: Deane R. Lanphear, Leighton Lane and Edgar J. Livingston, Jr.

The annual rummage sale of clothes for children, young people and adults will be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 11-12, in the vestry of the Trinitarian Congregational church. The money received is used for the church school.

Mrs. William Beardsley, wife of a former Northfield doctor, visited friends in East Northfield on Friday. She was the former Anne Hartness, daughter of Governor Hartness of Vermont. Among her numerous travels she has flown around the world and just recently returned from St. Croix in the Virgin Islands where she saw the Charles Dickersons, former residents here.

Another name for Northfield's

hall of fame is Lawrence Lazelle Durgin, son of a distinguished father of international reputation, who has received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Brown University. The awarding of degrees at Brown is kept a complete secret until the morning of commencement when the degrees are actually conferred. Dr. Durgin wrote his mother, Mrs. Russell Durgin, of Glenwood Avenue that he wanted her to visit him over the weekend of June 1-3, but was unable to explain why.

Durgin went with his father and mother to Japan at the age of 9 months and returned to this country to live when he was 17. He graduated from Mt. Mermon school, Dartmouth college and Oberlin Theological seminary and did graduate work at Union Theological seminary. Five years ago he came to the Central Congregational church in Providence, R. I. In 1956 he was made president of the R. I. Council of Churches. He is a trustee of Andover-Newton Theological seminary and of Tougaloo Southern Christian college in Mississippi. He is theology editor of the Ministers' Quarterly. He married the former Eunice King of Raleigh, N. C., and they have a son and daughter.

Dungin comes first in the series of pictures of people who received honorary degrees from Brown in the Providence Evening Bulletin.

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These May days hold much of interest in sights and sounds. A few hours spent outdoors today yielded many of them.

A twohee sang joyously accompanied by the golden notes of the wood thrush from across the breadth of the yard. House wrens inspecting the bird box on the old oak tree bubbled jubilantly and incessantly. A bluejay flashing across the scene, busy with house-keeping in the evergreen, was strangely quiet and well mannered. Chipmunk washed his face in silence.

Two of nature's carpeting plants were hobnobbing together in full bloom, the two-leaved Solomon's seal (sometimes called Canada

mayflower or wild lily of the valley) and airy foamflower in dainty white.

Seedlings of spreading dogbane had crept into the lawn. A pretty sight this Indian hemp with bright foliage russet tipped and silvery beneath. Later the small inconspicuous pink flowers will attract butterflies and bees.

Tent caterpillars had begun weaving their silken nests in the blossoming wild cherry trees. A ready-made, convenient food supply relished by the cuckoo.

Clumps of yellow star grass, transplanted from the dry open hillside, were gleaming gold out of the turf beneath the full-blown bridal wreath shrub. Mingled with columbine they made a happy color combination aided by the deep purple of the gill-over-the-ground.

Only a few clusters of bluets can be found now. A few weeks ago they covered the pastures and fields like drifts of unmelted snow.

An oriole sang from the orchard in a series of rich, piping whistled notes. A brown thrasher voiced a portion of a feathered opera from the hickory tree. And towhee scratching beneath the rail fence called loudly *chewink!*

Singly or by twos, the lovely gossamer winged butterflies of delicate blue, the spring azure, flit erratically about in search of nectar. A skipper in coat of brown and orange opened and closed its wings on a warm rock.

Red trillium, an early bloomer, was already developing its angled reddish berry, preparing for a later display. Bellwort's straw colored blossoms drooped modestly beneath curving stems. Buttercups gleamed with yellow and the graceful wild geranium with purplish-pink or magenta flowers brightened the spots where it grew.

The mourning dove's low sweet cooings from the spruce tree were soft and pleasingly melancholic. The bobolink's sparkling melody from the field below buoyantly cheerful.

Indian cucumber root was budding and tall bracken fern starting to unroll its tight little fists.

Daisy fleabane was rampant. Spiderwort was in flower.

A day-flying wood-nymph moth, the eight-spotted forester, busy among the leaves of the Virginia creeper looked like a flying domino in its deep velvety black and white dress, with orange muffed tibiae. Bumblebees in black and yellow plush were out in force

Two Local Members Of Graduating Class

Among the candidates for graduation from Northfield School for Girls at the 74th commencement here on June 9 are: Beverly A. Dumbreck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Dumbreck, Beers Plain Rd., Northfield, and Judith A. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, 174 Main St., East Northfield. Miss Dumbreck has been an active member of the Campus Government association and choir. Miss Thompson has been a member of choir for four years and active in dramatics.

Speaker at the graduation exercises will be Dr. William Muehl, professor of practical theology at Yale Divinity school, and diplomas will be presented to the 161 graduates by Headmistress Barbara M. Clough. A joint presentation with Mount Hermon school of Shakespear's "Much Ado About Nothing" Saturday, June 8, will be a commencement week feature.

gathering pollen from many kinds of flowers, food for baby bees.

Many dandelions had gone to seed, their feathery balls waiting for a magic carpet of wind to waft the seeds far and wide. Colorful lawn weeds tucked here and there, yellow wood sorrel with shamrock leaves cinquefoil, chickweed and the dainty thyme-leaved speedwell are all part of the unexpected beauty that comes with the month of May.

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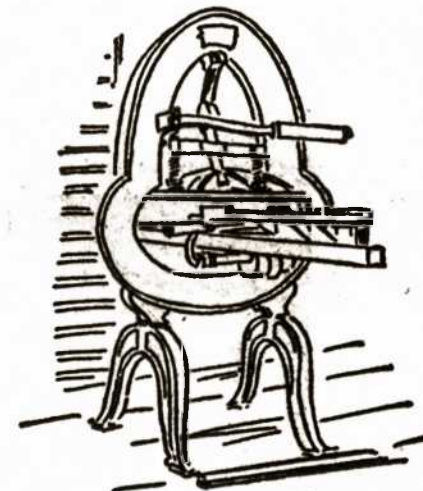
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Eight high school students interested in nursing careers attended a Career Day at Elliot community hospital in Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Walsh returned from Germany where he was in military service and visited her parents, the Harvey Jacks, from May 10 to about the 25th. They visited an aunt of his in Baltimore on their way to Cleveland where they expect to make their home. Mr. Walsh's grandfather founded the Harshaw Chemical Co.

Peter Jack came home on Decoration day to pitch for the Blue Jay team. On June 2 his parents went to Munson academy to see him graduate. He has been made class secretary. In the fall he will start his college career in William and Mary college at Williamsburg, Va., where he has been accepted.

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Miss Janet Newton Is Wed In Lovely Church Ceremony

Miss Janet Margaret Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newton of Bald Mountain Road, was married to Richard G. Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Parsons of Northfield, on Saturday, June 1, at 3 o'clock, in the Advent Christian Church of South Vernon, Vt. Rev. Everett B. Moore, pastor, performed the double-ring service.

The church was decorated with two high baskets of carnations, white gladioli and candelabras. Mrs. Elaine Williams, cousin of the bride played the wedding march. Charles Grant, also the bride's cousin, sang, "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer," Miss Joy Moore, daughter of Rev. Mr. Moore, sang, "Oh Promise Me."

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Rachel Messer of Bernardston as matron of honor, and by Miss Margaret Streeter of Northfield, niece of the bride, and Miss Rachel Parsons, sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaids.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of imported Chantilly lace, which featured a fitted bodice with Queen Ann collar and long pointed sleeves. The bouffant skirt had lace in handkerchief point effect over a many-tiered skirt of nylon tulle. Her fingertip veil fell over a white headpiece trimmed in sequins. She carried a white prayer book with an orchid.

Mrs. Messer was attired in yellow nylon lace and net gown with strapless pleated bodice and featuring a floor-length skirt of handkerchief lace points from the waist and rows of ruffles. She wore a yellow nylon lace jacket and matching net headpiece.

Miss Streeter wore a lavender strapless ballerina-length gown with fitted bodice of white nylon lace over lavender net, with a ruffled skirt of lavender and white lace. She wore a net stole and matching head piece. Miss Parsons had a blue strapless ballerina-length gown with fitted bodice, featuring a skirt of handkerchief effect points from the waist half-

way down the skirt and then ruffled net continuing the rest of the gown. She wore a blue nylon jacket and matching head piece. All of the attendants carried Colonial bouquets.

Edward Parsons of Hinsdale, N. H., brother of the bridegroom served as best man. The ushers were Henry Newton, brother of the bride, Erwin Flewelling and Ernest Yuki of Riverside.

The reception was held in the church vestry with Mrs. Virginia Deane, sister of the bride in charge, assisted by: Mrs. Henry Newton Jr. of Leverett, sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Julia Newton of Bernardston, sister of the bride, and Miss Martha Parsons of Northfield, sister of the bridegroom. Mrs. Madeline Streeter of Northfield, sister of the bride, was in charge of the guest book. The vestry was decorated in white wedding bells and cut mixed flowers.

For her going away costume the bride chose a blue dress with matching jacket, white accessories and an orchid corsage. She was born in Bernardston and graduated from Powers Institute in 1954. She is a secretary at the Northfield School for Girls. Parsons was born in Brattleboro, Vt., graduated from Northfield High School in 1954, and will be going into his last year at the University of Massachusetts in September. He is a farmer and will be employed at the Mt. Hermon School this summer. The couple will live in the Leonard Streeter residence in Northfield Farms on their return from their honeymoon.

Church Notes

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST
PAUL BUBAR, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Young People
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Tuesday evening Bible Study with the pastor.
Friday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
12:00 m.—Sunday School.
6:15—Young Peoples.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Rev. Arthur Green will be the guest speaker at the morning and evening services.

Monday evening, cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3 p.m., choir; 3:30, Sing and Bring club. 7:30, Prayer and Bible Study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30, Sing and Bring club time on WHAI.

Saturday, June 8, a child evangelism rally of the Good News club of Franklin county to which the Sing and Bring club is invited at the Y.M.C.A. in Greenfield at 3 o'clock.

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10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Loyal Workers.
7:30—Evening Service.

The baccalaureate service for the graduating class of the Northfield high school is being held at this church Sunday morning at 10:30.

Rev. Moore's topic for the evening service will be "Follow Me." Tuesday evening the quarterly business meeting of the church will be held at 7:45.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:45.



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Honorary Degree for Dr. Howard Rubendall

President Albert C. Jacobs of Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., has announced that the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters will be conferred on Dr. Howard L. Rubendall at the college's 131st commencement exercises on June 9. The ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. on the college quadrangle outside Northam Towers, when approximately 200 degrees will be given to Trinity's graduating seniors and 11 honorary doctorates will be conferred.

Dr. Rubendall, who is headmaster of Mount Hermon school and president of the Northfield schools, was granted the honorary degree of doctor of divinity by Dickinson college in 1945. He is a member of the Headmasters' association and of the board of United Christian colleges in China and representative at large of the College Entrance Examination board. He is also a trustee of Williston academy and of the Hillside school and a director of the Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corporation.

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schools and an 8:30 p.m. presentation of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," which the public is invited to attend without charge. This production by the dramatic and musical organizations of the schools is under the direction of John Williams and Miss Joan Morrow with the chorus conducted by Albert Raymond and the orchestra by Eugene Gancarz.

The speaker at Northfield's 74th graduation exercises Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium will be Dr. William Muehl, professor of practical theology at Yale Divinity school. Headmaster Emeritus Claude M. Fuess of Phillips academy, Andover, will give the address at Mount Hermon school's 71st commencement at 11 o'clock the same morning.

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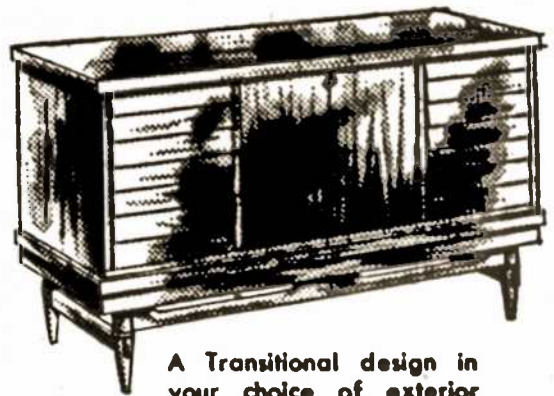
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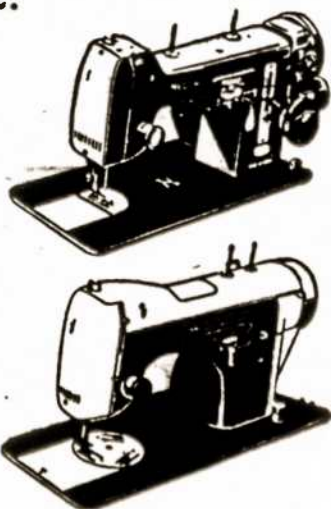
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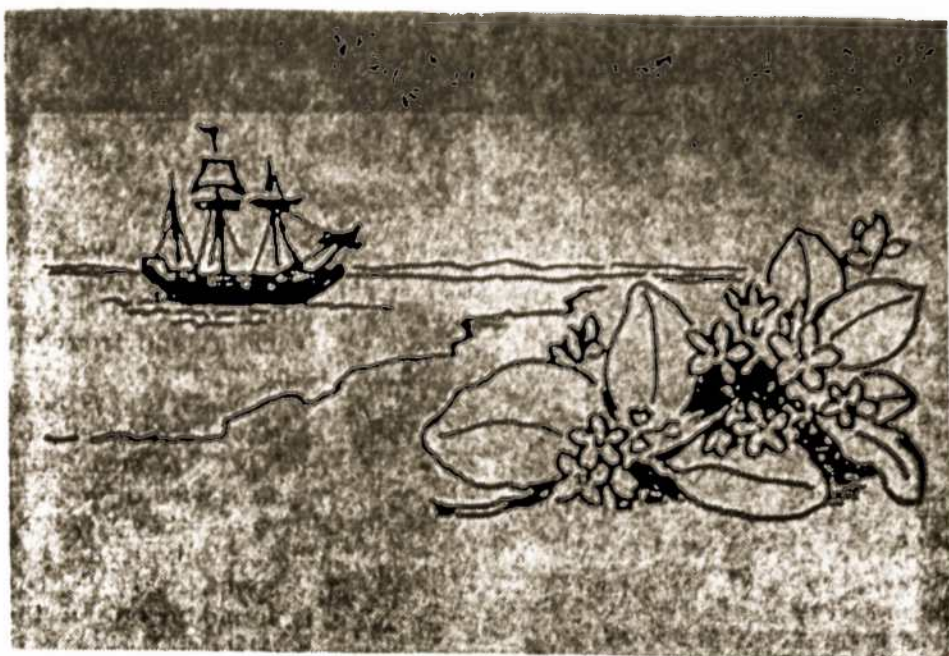
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"Mayflower II running in light trade winds. All well," radioed Comdr. Alan Villiers.

The original Mayflower fitted with large white sails sped over the water like a great sea bird when the weather was good. But when there was no wind the little vessel lay still on the quiet water. And treacherous storms occasionally drove her off her course. No wonder it took so long to cross the ocean in those days.

We are all keeping tabs on the small wooden sailing vessel Mayflower II because of the tremen-

dous interest created in the Pilgrim fathers' replica on its way to the United States; and in the celebration at Jamestown, too.

The first winter was most difficult for the little band of Pilgrims at Plymouth. Almost before the ice and snow had melted away we can imagine that Priscilla, Mary Chilton and some of the other girls with the buoyancy of youth, accepting things as they were, began to look for spring flowers at the edge of the woods. Although they thought it too early for blossoms they hoped to find something special for Mistress Brewster's birthday.

"Since she cannot come to the woods, let us take some of the woods to her," said Mary, digging up a handful of earth and leaves.

"Why do you take those half-dead leaves?" asked one of the girls.

Mary lifted the evergreen leaves with frost-browned tips and showed the girls the rosy white buds of a plant we now know as trailing arbutus. "They will open in a day or two if we put them in the sun and Mistress Brewster will enjoy watching them unfold," she said.

"How sweet and fragrant," said one of the girls. "I wonder what they can be."

Thus it was if the legend is true. Among the dead leaves, mosses and pine needles, and on poor soil at the borders of rocky woods our forefathers found this lovely sweet-scented flower, said to be the first flower of spring in the new land. To them it was a sign that the rigorous winter was over, and it gave them a feeling of hope for the future. The poet Whittier said they called it the Mayflower after their ship.

This charming plant, *Epigaea repens*, grows in long luxuriant

News Notes from Other Schools

David W. Hiller, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiller of Northfield, who graduates this week from Mount Hermon School has received word of his appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., where he will enter the July class. At Mount Hermon, he is a member of the Glee Club for the past two years and a member of the varsity football and baseball teams.

Marshall H. Whithed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton E. Whithed of South St., Bernardston, is among those graduating from Mount Hermon. He has been active in campus sports and as a member of the band.

Seth Kelley Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis K. Parker of Beers Plain Road, graduated Wednesday from Deerfield Academy. His activities have been the academy band, "Pinafore," and the tumbling team.

Among the graduates from the Northfield School for Girls on June 9, the 74th graduation ceremony, these girls will receive diplomas: Beverly A. Dumbreck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dumbreck, Beers Plain Road, member of the Campus Government Association and choir; and Judith A. Thompson, active in choir and dramatics, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of East Northfield.

Janet Marion Dean, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean of 185 Main Street, received the Bachelor of Arts Degree at Duke University's 105th commencement on Monday.

While a student at Duke, Miss Dean was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, dean's list, Nereidiam Club (swimming) and Alpha Phi,

trails with rosy blossoms clustered at intervals. The leaves are thick, tough, somewhat leathery and remain over winter often nipped by the frost.

Once there were many mayflowers but ruthless gathering in many localities has threatened to exterminate it. It is a plant that *should not be picked*.

We understand trailing arbutus is difficult to transplant from the wild as it does not take well to moving, though it may seem to thrive for several years. Plants can often be obtained from wild-flower nurseries.

Considerable interest has been created in the propagation of this well-loved perennial by the experiments of certain people. It is hoped that the mayflower will become a familiar plant of woodland gardens and perhaps florists' windows eventually. It can be increased by both cuttings and seed.

Have you ever seen the fruit of the trailing arbutus? Few of us have for ants, chipmunks, snails and birds love them and carry them off.

If you know where a plant is, mark the spot, make a note and pay a visit to it later when the wild strawberries are ripe. The fruit is a tiny round green pod slightly flattened which when ripe splits from the center into five valves that turn backward in a green rosette exposing the fleshy, edible, berry-like interior. The soft white flesh is speckled with minute black seeds.

These seeds should be sown in especially prepared soil as soon as ripe. They definitely prefer acid soil, near the edge of woods, sand or rocky soils, near pines or evergreens.

There are just two species of *Epigaea*. One is native in E. N. America and the other in Japan. The Japanese class their species as one of their edible fruits.

Epigaea is Greek for upon earth referring to the trailing growth.

"Pink, small and punctual, Aromatic, low," the trailing arbutus is one of the most loved wild flowers in the country. It has become the official state flower of Massachusetts.

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social sorority.

Frank H. Stewart, foster son of Mrs. Anna Newton of Northfield Farms, enlisted in the Navy recently and is undergoing recruit training at the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Maryland. Stewart attended the Northfield High School and was employed at the Milton Powers farm here previous to entering the service. He made application for enlistment in Greenfield and was sworn into the Navy in Springfield.

Marie L. Clark, New Plain Road, has been elected third-year representative to Omega Sigma, Northeastern University's all-university women's society.

A dean's list student, Miss Clark is active in the International Relations Club and is employed by the Boston Globe in the library department on her cooperative work assignment.

She is a graduate of Northfield High School and is a sophomore majoring in English-journalism.

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207 To Graduate Sunday At The Northfield Schools

The Northfield Schools will graduate 207 students Sunday at separate commencement exercises, 161 from Northfield School for Girls here and 146 from Mount Hermon School for Boys. Six other commencement events will lead up to the final exercises.

The Mount Hermon program includes the senior banquet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Northfield Hotel, the Deerfield baseball game at 3 p.m. Friday, Class Day exercises at 3 p.m. Saturday and faculty reception at 4.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon and president of Northfield Schools, will preach at the 8:45 a.m. baccalaureate service for seniors only. Speaker at the 10 a.m. graduation

exercises will be Dr. Claude M. Fuess, headmaster emeritus of Phillips Academy, Andover.

Events at Northfield include the last assembly Friday at 3 p.m. and faculty reception Saturday at 3:45 p.m. Commencement exercises will be Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. William Muehl, professor of practical theology at Yale Divinity School, as speaker. Headmistress Barbara M. Clough will award diplomas.

Both schools will join Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Northfield Auditorium in a presentation of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." There will be no admission charge. Seats have been reserved for students and parents.

Historical Sketch Of 'Old Northfield'

Continued from last week

Now I speak of the Oregon school law. It gives great offense to a large element of the American population. I am perfectly certain it will be heard from. I believe in the American public school system; I believe in it absolutely and have always said so. But I believe, nevertheless, that the citizens, the family, the father and mother, have some rights with regard to their children. Now in the state of Oregon last fall, by vote of the people, a law was passed making it a crime for any parent to send any child to any school except one of the schools created by the law of the state of Oregon, the regular public school system of the state.

Consider for a moment how that would operate. At the time this act took place it applied only to children between the ages of eight and sixteen, and it does not apply to children who have completed the eighth and ninth grades in school. It is based on the theory (a theory with which all have grappled) that it would be a good thing to mix up Americans in one school system. I need not go into

an argument on that. We can see the possibility of good in such an idea. But cannot we also see that this remedy of compulsion of the citizens is worse than the disease it seeks to cure? Cannot you see that the moment you say "You must come here; you must be educated in no other place but the very place we put you"—that you have done something which was never contemplated in the American you have made? But I do not believe the American people of today will approve of any system of government which puts the state in place of the parent.

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During the great industrial depression following the war, Northfield again proved true to her early faith. She did not, like so

many American communities, worship at the shrine of Moloch and offer her gifts there. She has realized that the spirit of greatness lies within—the spirit of mankind. And through the accomplishment of one of her sons, two great schools for the instruction of men and women of America were established here.

Northfield will not forget the lessons of the past. You know that loyalty to country is born in the heart, not the brain, and is nurtured by the true spirit of patriotism. True patriotism comes from an instinctive devotion of citizens to their country and flag. Those are the lessons of Northfield and Massachusetts. Let us hope they will never be forgotten by the people of America.

Perfecting the Past

The different features of this anniversary are intended to stress the different aspects of Northfield's history. . . . The secret of Northfield's greatness and fame is to be found in her religious history. It is the town soul that is of great significance.

The last verse of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews suggests our line of thought as we come together here for this union church service. It says, you will recall—"These all died, not having received the promise, God having provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."

The parallel between those old Hebrew heroes and the founders of Northfield is not far-fetched. These too were men of faith, adventuring in a strange land, they also were seeking a better country, where, as they said in their original petition to the general court in 1671, they "might advance Christ's kingdom in order to posterity." And they too were obliged to endure hardship and suffering, which only too often resulted in death. The parallel leads us further. When the author wrote, "these all received not the promise," he had in mind the old dispensation of the law in contrast to the new dispensation of the gospel. As the pageant of these 250 years passes before us we are made aware of the wide contrast between their yesterdays and our today. As the old dispensation of the Hebrew law could not be made perfect until it came to its

completion in the gospel, so the past as it is represented in these two and a half centuries cannot be made perfect until it is completed in the present and the future. Past, present and future, all belong to one great solidarity, and they cannot be separated. So today in this place, with the past behind us, we shall consider our duty in regard to it, how through us it may be perfected.

Towns and cities, like people, are known for the contributions which they make to the common life of humanity. One town may be an industrial center, and its product is emblazoned on the billboards of the land. Another may be known for its favorable climate, and people throng to it for rest and play. Still another may rest its fame in some ancient seat of learning, of which it boasts, to which the youth of the world come for knowledge. But here is a town, known throughout the world, not for its size, but for its soul; not for its climate, but for its atmosphere; not for its material wealth or its industrial products, but for a man, a son, whom she has borne and sent forth to bless the world. Northfield is famed today as the birthplace and the work-place of one of the world's great evangelists, Dwight L. Moody; because of him she is today known and praised far and wide as a center of learning and of light.

And this town soul, the real Northfield, which lies back of the charm of these wonderful surroundings, and which pervades this atmosphere of peace and beauty, is the result of no accident, nor of any whim of fate. And it was not born with the great man who has made the town famous. He was not the creator, he was the product of it. To explain him you will have to go back into Northfield's history, and to the history of New England, of which she is a part. Mr. Moody's genius doubtless was his own, its development the result of his own radiant and resolute will. But the materials of body and mind and spirit, out of which all that came, are to be found back there among his ancestors and ours, in the conditions under which they lived, and by which their characters were moulded.

Ordinary New Englanders they

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were, these forbears of ours, but New Englanders in the best and most hardy stock. These were pioneers among pioneers. We read in the original petition, before referred to, that they sought to purchase this tract of land from the Indians, "though," as the petition states, "to be uncouth and remote, and we conceive, attended by many difficulties." Of such stuff were they made. Twice driven out by the Indian wars, they returned to possess their heritage. A most interesting commentary upon these days is found in one of the appeals for help which they sent to the officers of the colony. After describing the extreme hardships and peril of "their situation, the climax of their distress was that they were deprived of "soul food." When peace came, and at least the settlement was made permanent, they determined first of all to secure a "learned and orthodox minister," who might bring to them this "soul food" for which their spirits pined. As Captain Edward Johnston, a contemporary, says, "It is as unnatural for a right New Englander to live without an able minister, as it is for a smith to work his irons without fire."

There is no doubt at all that New England, and through her the whole country, was profoundly influenced by the men of God who served the churches during those formative years. Northfield was greatly blessed in this regard. Her ministers were not men who achieved great distinction as theologians, they are not usually listed among the great New England leaders. Yet they were true men, who wisely and well performed their task, and passing, left a deep and abiding influence upon all their people. There are three of them whom we should recall on this occasion with special gratitude.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ella B. Collins

Mrs. Ella B. (Webster) Collins, 79, of 146 Mill Street, Springfield, native of this town, died May 26 at her home.

Born here on Aug. 27, 1877, she was the daughter of Henry Williams and Amanda (Smith) Webster. She was a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and

Westfield Normal school. She taught in the Springfield public schools until her marriage to the late Harris E. Williams. She had lived in Springfield 60 years and had summered in Worthington since 1916.

She leaves two sons, Webster E. and Edwin F. Collins of Longmeadow; two daughters, Mrs. Norman L. Snow of Longmeadow and Mrs. Eleanor C. Werner of Springfield; eight grandchildren.

Private services were at the Dickinson-Streeter funeral home in Springfield.

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Mrs. Nellie A. Pierce

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie A. (Cummings) Pierce, 72, a native of Northfield, who died on Sunday at her home in Florence, were held on Tuesday at the Francis Dee Funeral Home of Keene, N. H., with Rev. Walter G. Couch, Jr., pastor of the Florence Congregational church officiating.

Burial was at the Surry Village Cemetery.

Nellie Cummings Pierce was born in Northfield on Sept. 8, 1884 the daughter of James T. and Nellie Frances (Turner) Cummings. She attended the public schools here and the Northfield Seminary. She was a life member of the Springfield Order of Eastern Star.

Besides her husband she leaves four brothers, Cecil J. Cummings of Springfield; Ambert Cummings of California; A. Clyde Cummings of Greenfield; and Donald W. Cummings of Worcester; and one sister Mrs. E. Bernice Miller of Ormand Florida.

Mrs. Elmer Hart

A committal service was held last Saturday morning at the Green River cemetery in Greenfield for Mrs. Elmer Hart, who died at Lewiston, Montana, where she had lived since 1920. Mrs. Hart was the stepmother of Mrs. Shirley Kehl of Northfield. Mrs. Kehl's aunt, Miss Olive Swift, accompanied the body of her sister here and will visit for some time with her niece.

Surviving Mrs. Hart besides her sister, Miss Swift, and the stepdaughter, Mrs. Kehl, are a brother, Walte Swift of Florida; a stepson, Reginald Hart of Coral Gables, Florida; four step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

South Vernon has an admirable way of observing Memorial Day. About 125 servicemen and their families attended a supper given by the town of Vernon at the Advent Christian church fellowship room. Mrs. Gertrude Gibson was chairman of the supper committee. A program followed.

Social Notes

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Next to him comes Christian Herter and the other eight recipients are highly distinguished people. His citation reads: "In the five short years since you became minister of the Central Congregational church you have aroused your congregation to examine their consciences and their beliefs, thereby fortifying both; you have become a friend and an inspiration to the students and faculty of this university, and, as president of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches you have proved again that cooperation among groups of various doctrines need not mean the abandonment of what any of them hold dear."

Dr. Durgin will come to East Northfield next week to lead a Bible class in the girls' conference and to take the vesper service every evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Groff in Walpole on June 3. Mrs. Groff was the former Jeanne Heselton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore plan to come to their summer home in East Northfield about July 20 upon their return from traveling in Europe.

The marriage of Miss Cynthia Palmer, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Palmer of Winchester Road and Puerto Rico, to Dr. Brook Ryder of North Attleboro took place May 27 at American church in Paris, France, with Dr. Clayton Williams officiating. The bride is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and Mt. Holyoke college. She is the niece of Miss Muriel Akers, who is now occupying the Palmer summer home on Winchester Road. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were in Paris for a few days and were guests at the wedding. The bride and groom are on their way to Ethiopia where Dr. Ryder has been appointed by the government to work under the Point Four program.

The announcement has been made by Roy J. Fish, tax collector: the office of the tax collector will not be open on Saturdays during June, July and August.

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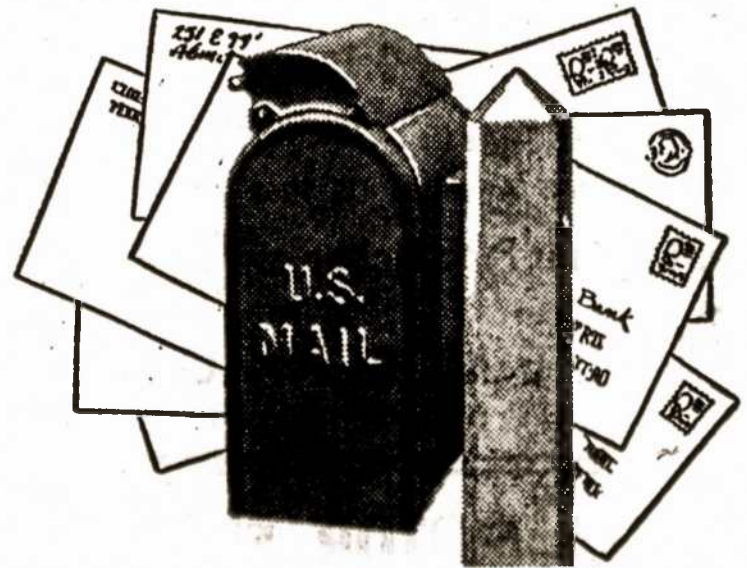
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